

| S.,No. | Name of work | Estimated cost (Rs. in crores) |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3. | Bridge works (2 Nos.0 | 4.50 |
| 4. | R.O.B's (4 Nos.) | 18.25 |
| 5. | Mescellaneous. | 15.45 |
| Total : Rs. | | 374.50 |

[English]

Leasing Companies

1700. SHRI PRATAPRAO B.
BHONSLE:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow many finance and leasing companies to operate as private bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India have reported that there is no proposal as yet to allow finance and leasing companies to operate as banks.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Master Plan for Construction of National Highways

—1701. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE

TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Transport Policy Committee has recommended any master plan to include eight Inter-State highways connecting Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Nepal Border in National High way System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work on the road between Darbhanga and Farvishganj linking Bihar and Nepal has been shelved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by the Government to get the work completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details are given in the attached statement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The decision about declaration of new National Highways in various States including the road in question in Bihar would be taken only after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan keeping in view certain norms evolved for the purpose and availability of funds etc.

STATEMENT

| <i>S. No.</i> | <i>Description of Road</i> | <i>Length (Kms)</i> |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Pilibhit-Hardwar-Paonta-Nahan-Ambala. | 475 |
| 2. | Gorakhpur-Nautanwa. | 84 |
| 3. | *Lateral Road (Bareilly-Amingaon) including Darbhanga-Forbesganj link. | 1050 |
| 4. | Ghazipur-Ballia-Chaapra-Hajipur. | 210 |
| 5. | Mokamah-Farakka. | 310 |
| 6. | Arrah-Buxer. | 80 |
| 7. | Patna-Muzaffarpur-Sonbarsa. | 160 |
| 8. | Kora-katihar-Harishchandarpur-Farakka. | 95 |

*stands included in the National Highway grid *except* Darbhanga-Forbesganj portion.

[English]

**Use of Public Sector Vehicles by
Government Officials**

1702. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1515 on August 2, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the public sector companies keep on receiving requests for making available their cars to Government officials;

(b) if so, the reasons for the austerity instructions not being followed scrupulously;

(c) whether the staff cars have been allotted to many individual officers exclusively with drivers in contravention of the staff car rules; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the above violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b). Use of Staff Cars in Public Sector Companies is regulated as per policy of each individual company as well as the general instructions issued by the Department of Public Enterprises from time to time. Instructions also exist prohibiting use of Staff Cars of the Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Organisations by Government officials while not on tour. Monitoring of the instructions is the concern of the administrative Ministry/Department dealing with the companies/bodies under their control. The information may have to be collected from all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. The time and labour involved will not commensurate with the object to be achieved.

(c) and (d) No Staff Car is earmarked for the exclusive use of any officer. The Staff Cars form a pool and are deployed according to their availability and requirement.